Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: How much is given to these supervising unions?

Mr. P. Paramesvaran Pillai: Rs. 3,000 per annum. It is twenty-three years since the co-operative movement has been introduced in the country and it is time that the supervising unions should be able to stand on their legs. They get supervision funds from the societies. The societies have to give 5 per cent. of their earned interest on loans.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: Is it not out of the earned interest and did not the honourable member say that the societies work at a loss? When the societies work at a loss how can the unions get the 5 per cent?

Mr. P. Paramesvaran Pillai: It is not all societies that are working at a loss. There are some societies that are working at a profit and something by way of supervision funds will come from these societies and Government also are supplementing this by a grant of Rs. 3,000.

There is also the central non-official agency, the Co-operative Institute, for carrying on educative propaganda and organisation. Such a kind of propaganda may well be left to be carried out primarily by the non-official agency more effectively than by the Circle Inspectors.

As stated already, the development of the non-credit side of the movement is engaging the serious attention of the Department and of the Government and it would be their earnest endeavour to push it through as far as possible.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 81,532 under Demand XVII—Co-operative Department was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XVIII—INDUSTRIES INCLUDING CLAY REFINING AND PORCELAIN FACTORY.

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 3,78,726 under Demand XVIII—Industries including Clay Refining and Porcelain Factory.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Sir, I oppose the demand. I do so with a view to point out to Government that we would come to some definite understanding about this Department. We would either mend it or we would put a stop to it. In our rubber factory and our sugar factory we have found that it is proper that we give them to private persons. So far as this Industrial Department is concerned, Government will have to consider very seriously whether any good is to come from this Department by investing this amount of Rs. 2 lakhs on it per year. Sir, there was a

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time when we had very high ambitions, when we had very high anticipations about our industries. We sent four sons of the soil with a view that they may get higher education on industrial subjects. They have all come back. One is now in the Registration Department. Another is also in that department though in some other capacity. One has gone to the Electrical Department and the fourth is now the hed of the Industrial Department. In answer to an interpellation that I sent I got the reply that the present Indus-, trial Director has got not any qualification in painting, smithery textiles or carpentry. He has to inspect 65 aided schools dealing with painting, carpentry, coir-matting and textiles. He has also to inspect the 17 un-aided schools to which Government have granted recognition. Government have made provision for a travelling allowance of Rs. 2,500 for the Director. Government are are also giving a grant of Rs. 17,000 to these industrial schools. I asked the Industrial Director this morning whether he had cared to make any independent inspection in these schools about which he had no special qualification. He answered that the recommendations being confidential he was not in a position to divulge them. I asked him whether there was any difference of opinion between him and the expert in regard to the giving of a grant. In fairness he could have stated—if as a matter of fact there was a difference of opinion, "I thought it fit that I should overrule the decision of the expert concerned so that I may get the grant given." So, what is the position? Here is an instituion to which a grant is awarded by Government. If there is a difference of opinion, naturally the opinion of the expert has to be considered, though preference may be given to the opinion of the Director. But the Government are more concerned to see that the grant that they give is being most properly utilised for the betterment of the industries and for the betterment of those institutions for which it is given.

I was advocating the plea for the revival of our industries so that the amount accumulating to Rs. 21,579-20-8 due to us by way of industrial loans may be spent for the purpose for which they were meant by Government. The Director states in his report that he was on tour for 53 days. I ask why and what for he was on tour. Was it to inspect those institutions which taught subjects which he did not know? One frank and most humble submission I have to make to Government in this connection. If public money is to be wasted for such inspections, I had better say that that expense may be curtailed and the two lakhs of Rupees that are set apart for the Industrial Department may be better utilised. There

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[Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair.]

was a plea for the revival of Ayurveda. Similarly I am most vehemently pleading before you, Sir, that our industries may be brought in a better line.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai; May I know from the honourable member what is the qualification he prescribes for the Director of Industries ?

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: I am prescribing some qualification that would pertain to the subjects that are being taught in the various industrial schools in the State. That is the requisite qualification in my opinion that the Industrial Director should have. The Industrial Director while he was an Oil Chemist had done some research work, when the present Registration Director, as I submitted, was Director of Industries.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: May I know from the honourable member the qualification of the previous Director of Industries ?

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair. I am adverting to the administration Report of the Department for the year 1107. This is what the Government says regarding the researches made by the present Industrial Director.

President: The time alloted for the voting of Demands for grants has expired. I put to the vote of the House Demand XVIII—Industries including Clay Refining and Porcelain Factory for Rs. 3,78,726.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XIX—Agriculture and Fisheries for Rs. 2,37,181.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XX—Stamps for Rs. 63,300.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XXI—Registration for Rs. 3,22,673.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XXII—Jails for Rs. 99,975.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XXIII Ports for Rs. 30,295.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

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President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XXIV —General Administration—Legislative Bodies for Rs. 52,500.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XXV—State Charities for Rs.11,386.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XXVI—Currency and Mint—for Rs. 35,299.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XXVII—Stationery and printing—for Rs. 2,63,466.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XXVII—Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments for Rs. 1,10,562.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XXIX Miscellaneous Charges for Rs. 93,832.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XXX—Anchal Department for Rs. 3,89,316.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XXXI—State Land Mortgage Bank for Rs.85,800.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XXXII—Capital Expenditure not charged to Revenue—Railways for Rs. 75,400.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XXXIII—Loans—Agricultural Loans for Rs. 1,00,000.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XXXIV—Loans—Industrial Loans for Rs. 25,000.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XXXV—Loans—Other and Advances for Rs. 75,000.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XXXVI Loan to the Port Conservancy Board, Cochin for Harbour Works &c. for Rs. 11,87,500.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

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President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XXXVII—Debt Head—Advances for Rs. 73,100.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: I put to the vote of the House Demand XXXVIII—Debt Head—Coinage Account for Rs. 1,00,000.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

President: The House will now adjourn and meet again at 11 A. M. to-morrow. The non-official members of the Council are requested to meet under the presidency of Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai for the election of members for the Public Accounts Committee and the Standing Finance Committee.

The Council adjourned at 5-5 P. M.

E. I. CHACKO,
Secretary to the Sri Chitra State Council.

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